

**SAFETY BELT VIOLATIONS AMENDMENTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael K. McKell**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill limits to a first violation the requirement of a court to waive a fine for certain safety belt violations.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- revises a provision related to a safety belt violation to require the court to waive a fine only for a first violation.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:**

**41-6a-1805**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 406

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1805** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1805. Penalty for violation.**

(1) (a) A person who violates Section **41-6a-1803** is guilty of an infraction and shall be fined a maximum of \$45.



28 (b) Until July 1, 2018, a peace officer may not issue a citation to an individual for a  
29 violation of Section 41-6a-1803 if the person has not previously been warned for a violation of  
30 Section 41-6a-1803 but shall issue the individual a warning informing the individual that  
31 operating or being a passenger in a vehicle without wearing a properly adjusted and fastened  
32 safety belt is prohibited.

33 (c) The court shall waive all of the fine for a first violation of Subsection  
34 41-6a-1803(1)(b) if the person submits proof of acquisition, rental, or purchase of a child  
35 restraint device.

36 (2) Points for a motor vehicle reportable violation, as defined under Section 53-3-102,  
37 may not be assessed against a person for a violation of Section 41-6a-1803.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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